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Dear Hal:

Two items of news: I have a job at the same station as Joe Dolan; and, I got an answer from Merriman Smith about his dual location in the Dallas motorcade.

First, I do a "phone-in" show for the five hours just before Joe Dolan comes on (1:00-6:00 our time; 4:00-9:00 a.m. your time), and one ofthese mornings I'd like to chat with you for a half-hour or so at about 8:00 or 8:30 your time.

Second, here is a verbatim report on M. Smith's reply. He sent back my original letter (I sent you a copy), and in the upper right-hand corner he wrote:

> "DEAR MR. EASON: BEING THE WORLD'S WORST LETTER-WRITER, I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHETHER I EVER ANSWERED THIS. WHICH IS AT LEAST HONEST. THE ERROR OR DISCREPANCY TO WHICH YOU REFER WAS CAUGHT LONG BEFORE THE ARTICLE WAS FOR RELEASE, AND MY GEOGRAPHIC POSITION CORRECTED. SOME PAPERS IGNORED THE CORRECTION AND, MAN, DID I EVER GET LETTERS! THANKS FOR YOUR INTEREST.
>
> s/ M.S.
> Merriman Smith"

Aside from the fact that I wrote him on January 30th, and his letter to me was postmarked "ALEXANDRIA, VA., MAY 10th" (giving him over three months to answer!), if you'll re-read my letter you'll notice he didn't even answer my one question! (Could you explain how you could be in front of and in back of the President's car?) All in all, a pretty shabby reply after a long wait, I'd say.

Now, then, what's new with you? I recently read The Scavengers -- what about that? Harv Morgan says Dell backed out, now what'll you do? Tell me how it is.

Jim

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